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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI'S SCHEDULED CALL

REF: (A) BELGRADE 5067, (B) STATE 190965

1. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPTELS COMPLETE TEXTS OF LAST NIGHT'S FSFA STATEMENT TO TANJUG PUBLISHED TODAY (BELGRADE 5078) AND AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN'S JULY 23 REMARKS TO THE PRESS (BELGRADE 5084).

2. YOU WILL NOTE THAT FSFA STATEMENT (PARAS 6 AND 7, BELGRADE 5078) CONTAINS A NUMBER OF WHOLLY UNSUBSTANTIATED AND UNTRUE ALLEGATIONS AND DISTORTIONS.

3. FOR EXAMPLE, AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN HAS NEVER REPEAT NEVER SPOKEN PUBLICLY ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA OUTSIDE YUGOSLAVIA. FURTHER, THE ONLY COMMENT MADE ON US- YUGOSLAV RELATIONS BY THE AMBASSADOR TO THE PRESS AT THE AIRPORT AFTER TOTH'S RELEASE WAS THAT WITH TOTH'S RELEASE OUR RELATIONS "ARE BETTER AND INDEED I WOULD SAY THE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THIS COUNTRY ARE BASED ON CERTAIN, FUNDAMENTAL LONG-TERM COMMON INTERESTS." THE ALLEGATION OF INTERFERENCE IN YUGOSLAV INTERNAL AFFAIRS
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IS, OF COURSE, PATENTLY UNFOUNDED AND UNSUBSTANTIATED.

THE NOTION THAT THE AMBASSADOR "HAS ONCE AGAIN OPENED
A CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA" IS NOT ONLY FALSE BUT
MISLEADINGLY IMPLIES THAT HE HAS DONE THE SAME BEFORE.
THE LINKAGE OF THE HANDLING OF THE TOTH CASE TO
A "POLICY OF PRESSURE AGAINST NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES..."
IS OUTRAGEOUS AND ONLY THE MOST GALLING GOY EFFORT
TO GET AWAY FROM THE FACTS OF THE TOTH CASE ITSELF.

4. WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT GOY MUST NOT BE PERMITTED
TO MAKE SUCH ALLEGATIONS AND DISTORTIONS WITHOUT BEING
PRESSED AT HIGH LEVEL FOR CLEAR EXPLANATIONS. WE
URGE YOU IN YOUR MEETING TODAY TO MAKE BELOVSKI
EXPLAIN THEM BEFORE ACCEPTING ANYTHING FROM HIM.
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